COST CONTAINMENT WORKGROUP OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM TASK FORCE

INVITED PARTICIPANTS, OBJECTIVES, AND DUTIES FOR 2010 INTERIM STUDY

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- 1. Health Behavior Innovations
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OBJECTIVE

Develop recommendations for action by state policymakers to slow the growth of medical spending as a means to maintain and expand coverage and ultimately improve individual health status.

DUTIES

As time permits, the workgroup will study the following issues in priority order and make recommendations at the October and November meetings of the Health System Reform Task Force. Priorities not completed this year will be carried forward for future study.

- Priority #1 Determine whether and how to encourage greater adoption of high deductible health plan/health savings account combinations by state employees
- Priority #2 Determine whether and how to make greater use of the following within Public Employees Health Program plans:
 - Premium differentials based on participation and outcomes in wellness programs
 - Lower-cost provider models (e.g., retail clinics and ambulatory surgery centers)
 - Medical tourism
 - Alternative providers
- Priority #3 Identify steps which could be take to reduce costs, while maintaining or improving quality, within the Medicaid program.